

and the Geological Survey will lead a multi-agency preventative effort working with state and local governments. These federal agencies will provide critical technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to slow and eventually eliminate the threat posed by Asian carp.

I want to thank the coalition of governmental agencies, private, and non-governmental organizations that have supported my bill. Particularly, I want to thank the Upper River Services, LLC, Water Ways Council, National Wildlife Federation, and Trout Unlimited.

I look forward to working with these groups and the Administration to implement this language and to ensure that our communities have the resources and tools they need to better respond to the dangers posed by these invasive species.

IN HONOR OF OUR BRAVE
VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every Memorial Day, Americans come together to honor the brave individuals who have selflessly given their lives for our continued prosperity, founding ideals, and democracy. Every American is indebted to their service and should be inspired by these exemplars of courage.

The month of May is also Military Appreciation month. As we honor our fallen veterans, we must not only speak to their accomplishments, but actively reaffirm our appreciation and commitment to the veterans among us. Throughout our nation's history, veterans have contributed to the strength and resilience of our great democracy like no other group. We must express our gratitude by ensuring that they as well as their families receive the benefits they need, deserve, and have earned. Therefore, we must continue to support, assist, and hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable. The assistance and medical treatment the agency provides to our veterans as well as their families must always be accessible and of the highest standard.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, as we honor our veterans on this Memorial Day, I call on our entire nation to reaffirm its commitment and leave no veteran behind. This is the least a grateful nation can do.

HONORING ANNE LOUISE TAYLOR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Ms. Anne Louise Taylor, a devoted mother, sister, friend and colleague. With her passing on March 31, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work as a public servant.

Born on August 15, 1957 and raised in Alameda, California, Ms. Anne Taylor graduated from Alameda High School. She went on to graduate from the University of Maryland

Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

After completing her studies, Ms. Taylor began her career in the political arena working for California State Assemblymember and California Board of Equalization Member Johan Klehs. She later served as the District Director for former California State Assemblymember Ellen Corbett and as the head of Government Relations for California State University, East Bay.

In addition to Ms. Taylor's work in public office, she worked closely with many non-profits and community groups. At the East Bay Community Foundation, Ms. Taylor helped simplify the process for submitting grants by developing a "one-stop" shop website for non-profit organizations. This website has garnered recognition and won awards, and it remains a shining example of government and non-profit collaboration. Ms. Taylor also had an extensive nonprofit fundraising background, having worked for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Moreover, Ms. Taylor was an advocate in the community and nation on women's health issues. She worked with the National American Red Cross, raising more than \$6 million for the "Help Can't Wait" program. She was also named the American Red Cross Community Service Hero for her efforts to educate women about the risks of heart disease. Ms. Taylor actively volunteered for the American Heart Association and the Mended Hearts Organization.

Ms. Anne Taylor served as District Director in my Oakland office for over five years, coordinating district outreach, including town hall meetings, forums, community events and workshops. Ms. Taylor was the lead staff member on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and worked tirelessly to secure more than \$1.9 billion in Stimulus funds for the district.

Ms. Taylor's contributions to the residents of the East Bay were enormous. With true compassion and commitment, she touched the lives of thousands of people. Not only was she a true public servant and phenomenal woman, she was deeply passionate about her community, Alameda, where she loved the 4th of July parade and the Alameda Point Antique fair.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and dedicated public servant, Ms. Anne Taylor. Her invaluable service to improving the lives of the underrepresented and underserved will live on in the endless legacy of her life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to her many loved ones, friends and colleagues she touched over the course of her incredible life. May her soul rest in peace.

COMMENDING THE DANVILLE-
SYCAMORE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in commending the members of the Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club for their longstanding, strong support of K-12 Education in the 11th Congressional District in

California. Living out the Rotarian motto of "Service Before Self", these men and women have marshalled their resources to reward outstanding students, teachers and administrators in local schools for the past 22 years.

Every month during the school year, the Rotarians highlight one K-12 school in the community. Each teacher and student, chosen by their principal, is recognized publicly with their family and colleagues in attendance. Without exception, the awardees are dedicated to their academic work and to community service in and out of the school setting.

Over the past two years, it has been my pleasure to participate in special celebrations recognizing the individual achievements of students and teachers from 11 Danville schools.

From Creekside Elementary School, the Rotarians honored students Mackenzie Michel and Griffin Snyder and teachers Kristen Berg and Nancy Rugani. From Hidden Hills Elementary they honored student Lohith Dasari and teacher Sherri Wright. From John Baldwin Elementary they honored students Lauren Batza and James Goldberg and teachers Chara Rodrigues and Dawn-Monique Elkin. From Tassajara Hills Elementary they honored students Kayla Sapir and Lauren Spain and teachers Sia Yfantis and Jeanie Small. From Dougherty Valley High they honored students Seunghwa Madeleine Han and Nicole Giles and teachers Megan Keefer and Duane Ingram. From Del Amigo High School they honored students Josh Gorski and Cole Ortiz and teachers Bill Collins and Carole Edwards Van Muijen. From Diablo Vista Middle School they honored student Anya Nutakki and teacher Janet Darrimon. From Charlotte Wood Middle School they honored student Connor Kay and teacher Kathleen Martins. From Coyote Creek Elementary they honored student Ashmit Gaba and teacher Stephanie Preston. And from Greenbrook Elementary School, they honored student Robert Corritone and teacher Kristen McDevitt. In addition to these outstanding students and teachers, the Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotarians honored members of the school district administration Chris Williams and Kirby Hoy for their outstanding work in support of K-12 education.

In recognizing the hard work of our students, teachers and administrators, we distinguish what works in education and help find ways to replicate the very best practices. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students, teachers and administrators who have been honored, and in thanking the Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotarians for their exceptional dedication to education and community service.

TO HONOR NEVADA CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER BOB BAILEY

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Nevada civil rights leader Bob Bailey, who passed away on Saturday.

Bob was a tireless advocate for equality in Nevada.

In the '50s and '60s, Vegas was as segregated as the Deep South. Bob saw injustice all around him and became a staunch advocate for equality.

He worked with Governor Grant Sawyer to investigate discrimination in employment, and he served as the first chairman of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. His work helped desegregate hotel-casinos under the Nevada Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Bob later served as the president of Nevada Economic Development Company, which helped minority-owned businesses, and in 1990 he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to serve as Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency.

Bob Bailey opened the doors for thousands of African-Americans in Las Vegas, including myself. He will be missed, and we will remember his legacy.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chair, I rise today to thank Chairman McKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for including an amendment that I offered with Rep. TOM ROONEY in en bloc amendment #7 and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. ROONEY and I, along with other colleagues like Rep. WALTER JONES have been engaged in an effort for several years now to ensure that children with developmental disabilities that are covered by TRICARE, can access the behavioral health treatment that they require. It was an issue that was brought to my attention by a constituent whose husband is in the military and who has a child with a developmental disability. The challenges her family faces however, are also unfortunately experienced by numerous military families across the country.

While TRICARE does provide access to a multitude of services for families, there are limitations on them from fully accessing the appropriate level of care for their children for a behavioral health treatment known as applied behavior analysis (ABA). Currently families must navigate a complicated web of programs within TRICARE, each with eligibility or coverage limitations, in order to get access to treatment. In addition, children with developmental disabilities do not have access. Our amendment simply seeks to streamline coverage for these services as a medical benefit under TRICARE Basic, which would ensure access to these services for the dependents of both active duty and non-active duty beneficiaries.

These are families that have sacrificed a great deal in the service of our nation, and it is our obligation to make sure that their children get the health care services that they need. This amendment is designed to do just

that. Many children with developmental disabilities require other types of treatment such as habilitative and rehabilitative services like speech, occupational, and physical therapy that are already covered by TRICARE. However, because of the current restrictions, there are cases where some of these children are not able to access the prescribed level of ABA treatment. I want to make it clear that this amendment will not, nor is intended to, alter any services that a child's team of health providers deem necessary and are currently covered, like those already mentioned, but simply ensures that they can get the ABA services that they've been prescribed. In addition, as mentioned in the amendment we believe that amounts should be appropriated to ensure that all TRICARE beneficiaries have appropriate and equitable access to behavioral health treatment, including ABA.

This is just simply the right thing to do for our military families who have sacrificed so much in the service of our country. Once again, I thank my colleagues for their support on this important issue on behalf of military families across this country.

HONORING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine as it celebrates its 225th anniversary.

Located on the Schoodic Peninsula in Hancock County, the Town of Gouldsboro includes the four villages of Corea, Prospect Harbor, West Gouldsboro and Birch Harbor. Named for one of its original proprietors, Robert Gould, the town was first incorporated into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1789, predating Maine's statehood. Known for its scenic harbors, long coastline, fishing community, and views of Acadia National Park, the Town of Gouldsboro truly embodies the spirit of coastal Maine.

Gouldsboro is also home to four sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Prospect Harbor Light Station; Soderholtz, Eric E., Cottage; West Gouldsboro Union Church; and West Gouldsboro Village Library.

The Town of Gouldsboro reflects the values of the hardworking people of Maine who take great pride in the rich history they have created over the past 225 years. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Gouldsboro in Congress, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help them commemorate the town's 225th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Gouldsboro and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise today to discuss an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2015 that would divert \$10 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to go toward the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The recent shooting in Santa Barbara last week underscores the critical need to have a comprehensive and robust background check system in place to screen individuals who are looking to illegally purchase firearms. Over the last 20 years, more than 2.1 million illegal firearms sales have been prevented because of NICS. However, there are still gaps in the system, due in part because there is insufficient funding for States to keep adequate records on individuals who are not permitted to purchase firearms under the law.

Congress can do more to provide additional funding to help bolster NICS and its ability to keep firearms out of the hands of felons, domestic abusers, or the mentally ill. Additional funding in the CJS Appropriations bill will help meet the demand from States to collect more accurate and more complete records of individuals who are ineligible to purchase firearms.

However, I have serious reservations that this amendment will decrease the administrative and grants management activities budget of the NSF by \$10 million. As Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I cannot in good faith support an amendment which proposes to cut an essential function for the premier STEM education research organization in the country. This cut to NSF is a cut to the management of research which will ultimately determine our Nation's global competitiveness for years to come. For decades, NSF grants have resulted in the most effective and inspiring STEM curricula and programs in and out of the classroom. I cannot in good faith support an amendment which does harm to these important areas.

Madam Chair, I believe that this Congress can do more to prevent gun violence in order to avoid tragedies such as the recent shooting in Santa Barbara. However, I must object to the desire to draw critical funding away from the NSF's agency operations account in order to bolster NICS. Reducing funding for NSF is misguided, and I strongly urge my colleagues to reconsider their approach to this important amendment.